

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). EIS is a 2-year program of service and on-the-job training for health professionals who wish to develop skills in applied epidemiology and fill the public health service needs of CDC and state/local health departments. Each year 60-70 persons are selected from over 300 applications received.

To apply for EIS, you must meet certain professional degree and licensing requirements, as well as be willing to commit to a full-time program of activities during a 2-year assignment in a location other than where you currently work or study (unless you are currently in Atlanta, GA, Cincinnati, OH, or Hyattsville, MD). You must also be able to consider at least 5 different assignments for the program. You are eligible to apply to EIS if you are one of the following:

- . A physician with at least one year of clinical training and an active medical license which must be maintained throughout EIS (U.S. license required for U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident);
- . A nurse, dentist or physician's assistant with a Master of Public Health (MPH) with an active license to practice your specialty which must be maintained throughout EIS (U.S. license required for U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident);
- . A veterinarian with an MPH or equivalent degree or demonstrated public health orientation through course work in epidemiology or other public health experience, with an active license to practice your specialty which must be maintained throughout EIS (U.S. license required for U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident);
- . A doctoral degree recipient (PhD, DrPH, or equivalent) in epidemiology, statistics, nutrition, behavioral sciences, or other public health specialty. (If doctoral degree is in an area with primarily a laboratory research focus, or in another scientific area, you must demonstrate a public health orientation through course work in epidemiology or other public health experience).

Although any eligible person may apply, because EIS is fundamentally a training program, persons who have acquired their qualifying degree within the last 10 years will be given priority. If you are an **International Applicant** in the U.S. for training, you **must submit with your application**, the type visa you are on and a copy of your IAP. Please note, if you are currently on a **J-1 visa**, there is a strong possibility that you are not eligible to apply.

I am enclosing a brochure and articles which provide further details about EIS, together with application instructions for the Class beginning July 2003. **The deadline is September 15, 2003 for all documents to be received by the EIS Office.** I hope that this information will be of interest and helpful to you. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the EIS Program (404) 639-4774.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures